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1. Alvaro Montero Vega, a delegate to the Second Congress of the International Union of Students in Prague, has changed his plans to attend the proposed London Peace Conference.

25X1X he will leave Europe on 12 October, and arrive in Costa Rica during the second week in November, probably via Panama.\*\* Montero Vega has told Arnoldo Ferreto, Vanguardia Popular (VP) Secretary General, that his return is a matter of lack of funds. His best and train passages are paid by the Union Internacional de Estudiantes (UIE), but nothing more. He assured Ferreto that he returns to Costa Rica to resume the fight with more enthusiasm than ever, realizing, however, that this activity will demand willpower and strength of character. Montero Vega added that they may draw assistance from the experiences of the Soviets under German occupation in the coming conflict.

2. During September Montero Vega also contacted his wife, Margarita Benavides, in Costa Rica, stressing the fact that he is determined to bear all sacrifices in order that the cause may triumph and Costa Rica may become a better place in which to live, and adding that she, too, must not weaken.

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